

Sustainable Development & The Earth Charter



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S4S' mission

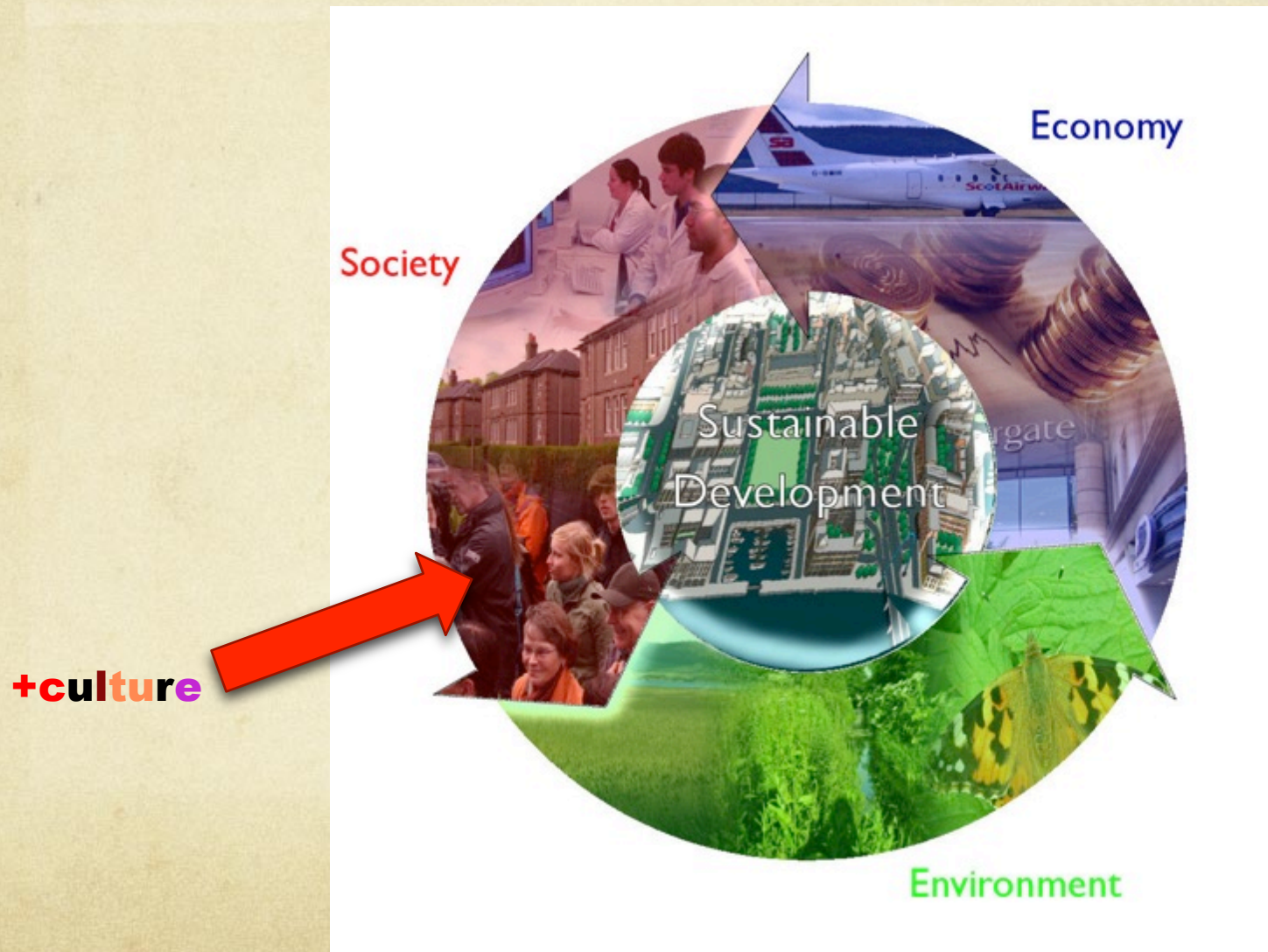
Sustainability for Seychelles is committed to helping Seychelles and other small island states work toward social, ecological and economic sustainability.

We aim to inspire, inform and enable people to live, work and play in ways that contribute positively to both human and natural communities

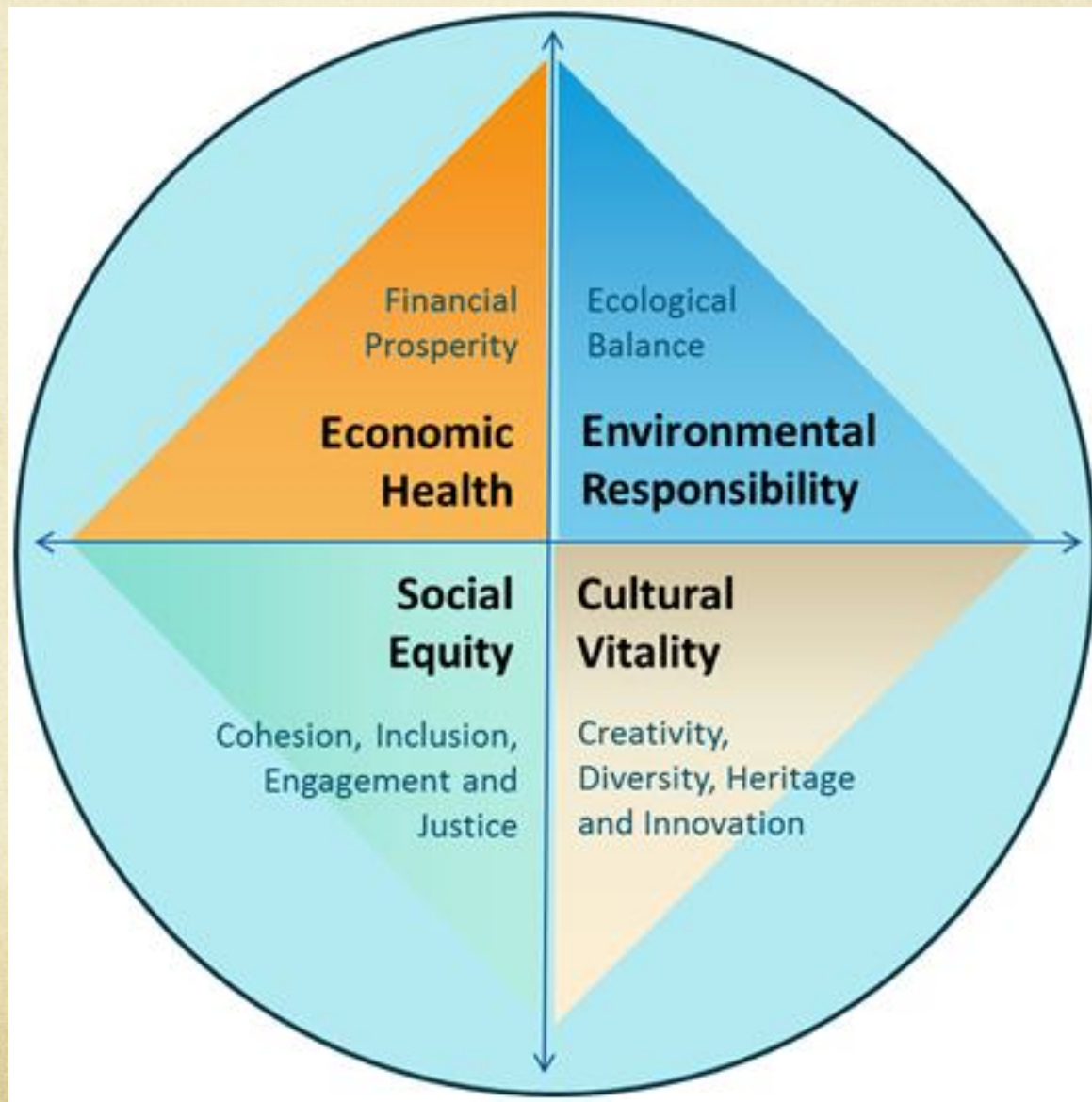
S4S' projects

- Energy
- Water
- Waste
- Climate change education
- Sustainable tourism
- Sustainable communities
- Green prison

Sustainable development



Sustainable development +





**Earth
Charter
Initiative**

History of the Earth Charter

- Developed through a long consultative process with civil society, faith groups and other organisations following the Earth Summit in 1992
- Launched in 2000
- Now adopted by many civil society and governmental organisations around the world
- Translated into Kreol and formally launched in Seychelles in February 2012 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Preamble

We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future. As the world becomes increasingly interdependent and fragile, the future at once holds great peril and great promise.

To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one Earth community with a common destiny. We must join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice, and a culture of peace.

Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations.

Principles of the Earth Charter

- I Respect and Care for the Community of Life
- II Ecological Integrity
- III Social and Economic Justice
- IV Democracy, Non-violence and Peace



THE EARTH CHARTER



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i. respect and care for the community of life

1. Respect Earth and life in all its diversity.
2. Care for the community of life with understanding, compassion, and love.
3. Build democratic societies that are just, participatory, sustainable, and peaceful.
4. Secure Earth's bounty and beauty for present and future generations.

ii. ecological integrity

5. Protect and restore the integrity of Earth's ecological systems, with special concern for biological diversity and the natural processes that sustain life.
6. Prevent harm as the best method of environmental protection and, when knowledge is limited, apply a precautionary approach.
7. Adopt patterns of production, consumption, and reproduction that safeguard Earth's regenerative capacities, human rights, and community well-being.
 - a. Reduce, reuse, and recycle the materials used in production and consumption systems, and ensure that residual waste can be assimilated by ecological systems.
8. Advance the study of ecological sustainability and promote the open exchange and wide application of the knowledge acquired.

iii. social and economic justice

9. Eradicate poverty as an ethical, social, and environmental imperative.
10. Ensure that economic activities and institutions at all levels promote human development in an equitable and sustainable manner.
11. Affirm gender equality and equity as prerequisites to sustainable development and ensure universal access to education, health care, and economic opportunity.
12. Uphold the right of all, without discrimination, to a natural and social environment supportive of human dignity, bodily health, and spiritual well-being, with special attention to the rights of indigenous peoples and minorities.

iii. social and economic justice

13. Strengthen democratic institutions at all levels, and provide transparency and accountability in governance, inclusive participation in decision making, and access to justice.
14. Integrate into formal education and life-long learning the knowledge, values, and skills needed for a sustainable way of life.
15. Treat all living beings with respect and consideration.
16. Promote a culture of tolerance, nonviolence, and peace.

Let ours be a time remembered
for the awakening of a new reverence for life,
the firm resolve to achieve sustainability,
the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace,
and the joyful celebration of life.



I Respect and Care for the Community of Life



II Ecological Integrity



III Social and Economic Justice



IV Democracy, Non-violence and Peace



“Caring for the earth
and caring for people
are two dimensions
of the same task”

(Gruenewald, 2004)

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